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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)
Shrinivasan et al.) Group Art Unit: Unknown
Application No: 10/007,227) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: November 7, 2001) Docket No: NOVEP012
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEALING) March 6, 2002
SUBSTRATE LOAD PORT IN A HIGH PRESSURE)
REACTOR)

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Kay Harlow

PETITION FOR APPLICATION BY OTHER THAN ALL THE INVENTORS
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47 (a)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants Krishnan Shrinivasan and Arkadiy Shimanovich (the "remaining joint inventors") hereby petition the Commissioner to accept for application the above-identified U.S. Patent Application by other than all of the inventors.

An Added Page to the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached hereto in which the remaining joint inventors have signed on behalf of the omitted inventor as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.64 and M.P.E.P. §409.03(a), and includes the last known address of the omitted inventor.

A Declaration of Facts in Support of Applying on Behalf of Omitted Inventors is submitted herein, which provides proof of the pertinent facts regarding the omitted inventor who can not be reached, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) and M.P.E.P. §409.03(d). (copy attached) .

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In view of the omitted inventor not being able to be found or reached for the above-identified application, the remaining joint inventors are believed to be entitled to make such an application on behalf of and as agents for the omitted inventor. The required fee of \$130.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is included. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. NOVEP012)

Respectfully submitted,
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Re: Patent Application Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEALING
SUBSTRATE LOAD PORT IN A HIGH PRESSURE REACTOR
Our File: NOVEP012 Your File: NVLS-474

Dear Vladimir:

Enclosed is a copy of a Patent Application for which you were named as a co-inventor during your employment at Novellus Systems. Please sign and date the enclosed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and the Assignment in the indicated spaces and return them to us in the Federal Express envelope provided. We will keep you informed of the progress of the patent application as it is reviewed.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Best regards,
MARTINE & PENILLA, LLP

Michael L. Gencarella, Esq.

Enclosures: Copy of Application
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